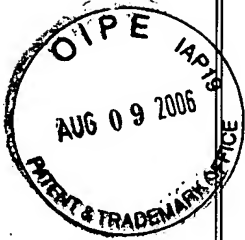


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STATUS LETTER

Dear Sir:

Applicant has not as yet received any Communication regarding the
Amendment and Response to Final Office Action filed June 14, 2006 on the above-
referenced application. Applicant hereby transmits another copy of the Amendment
After Final and Response to Office Action, a Letter to the Official Draftsman including
four (4) sheets of formal drawings, and the postcard receipt from the U.S. Patent and
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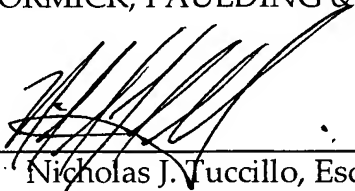
As the status of the present case is 'After Final', Applicants respectfully request action on the previously filed Amendment After Final well prior to the statutory deadline of September 14, 2006.

No fee is considered due for filing this Status Request. However, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235 in the event any additional fees are owed.

Respectfully requested,

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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Dear Sirs:

Applicant hereby submits four replacement (4) sheets (Figs. 1- 10) of formal
drawings to replace the informal drawings forming part of the application as on file.


Respectfully submitted,

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